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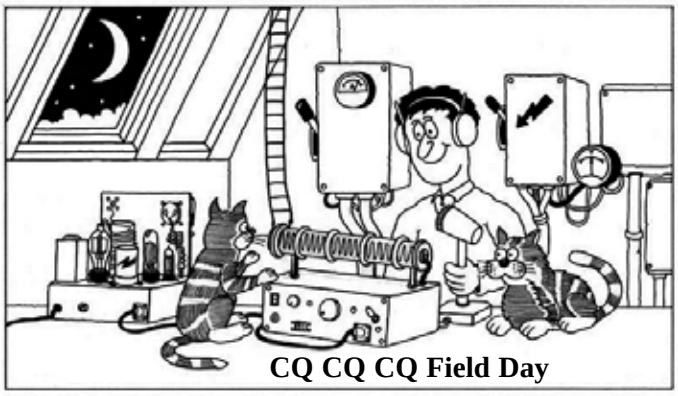
**VACAVILLE , CALIFORNIA** **July 2014**

## Presidents Message

I want to take this time to thank everyone who helped and attended this year's Field Day. This was one of the better Field Days we've had in several years. The day had approximately 20 members and friends in attendance not to mention several visitors. We signed up one new member at the event and two new members who checked in on Tuesday Net. This was a result of Field Day and the camaraderie they experienced with our members.

A special thanks to George and Maria Vidal for their hospitality and all the rest of the VVRC Club members for helping to make this a great day!

Thanks You All!
Mike W6MAV



**CQ CQ CQ Field Day**

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**Jerry, KD6WKY**
**Field Day Coordinator**

Field Day 2014 was the most successful event the Vaca Valley Radio Club has sponsored in the past decade when it comes to cooperation, good team work, and fun. The whole weekend couldn't have been better.

I arrived Saturday morning at 9:00 AM with all my gear to set up what I thought would be one station that a few people would cycle through, take a look at, and go home. I was wrong! This year by the time I arrived at the Vidal QTH an antenna farm had been erected and three stations were ready to go two hours ahead of start time.

With my station we had four transmitters ready to go with motivated operators at each radio. Later we added another HF station for a total of five transmitter on site. Very impressive!

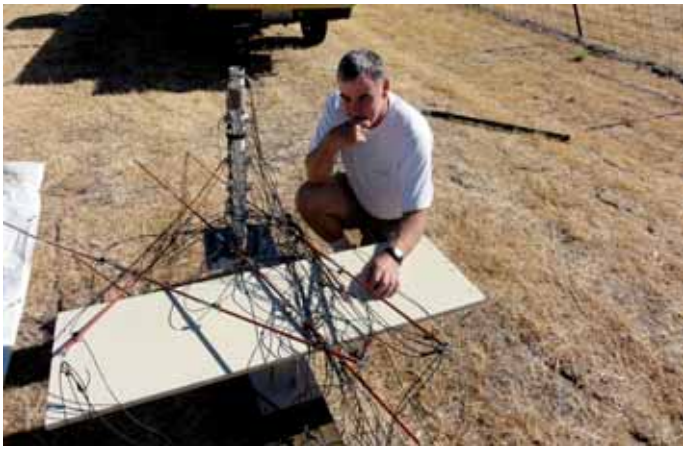
Some of the raw numbers I can share with you so far are as follows:

1. We had at least 27 people either operate or visit our Field Day location.
2. We logged in over 500 contacts from around North America and a few DX stations to boot.
3. W6VVR operated phone only on 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m, and 6m.
4. We had great media coverage locally in both of the local newspapers.

I will take all the paper logs and do the data entry this weekend to compile an official log for submission to ARRL for our club. Once I get all that information together I can give you exact details of what we did this year.

Lastly, I want to thank Maria, Jorge, and Lauren Vidal for letting the club use their home for our Field Day location this year. The basis of our success lies in their generous invitation to use their large property for FD.

Two fires in English Hills not far from the Field Day site threatened the English Hills area: this one on June 24 a little southwest of the Field Day site, caused some concern. But, the Vidals had already completed the all important clearing their property for fire safety.



One of the early arrivals, Steve, KJ6KIH, had a little perplexing problem with the beam he'd intended to use when he began his setup.

Sooo....up went the dipole...

Frank, KJ6RWQ, and Steve talked it over and the decision was made to erect a 20 meter Dipole he also brought along..."just in case".

And soon Steve was on the air gathering contacts.

After assisting Steve, Frank began working on his installation .....

...and was quickly ready to roll!

**VACA VALLEY RADIO CLUB--2013**

**ELECTED OFFICERS**

President: Mike Vieria, W6MAV
Vice President: Jerry Olive, KD6WKY
Secretary: Skip Lawson, AF6HC
Treasurer: Bob Hewitt, K6HEW

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Director: Antonio DelRio, N6ZGB
Director: Chris Jones, KD7TQO
Director: Arthur Miller, KI6UXE
Director: Richard Craig, KJ6MIB

**APPOINTED POSITIONS**

Net Control Chairperson: Chris Jones, KD7TQO
Club Activities Chairperson: Board of Directors
Newsletter Editor: Jerry Bowen, KJ6SCC
Newsletter Publisher & Distributor: Bob Hewitt, K6HEW

Meanwhile....In the shade the rest of the Field Day equipment was being set up...

...as Jerry, KD6WKY, set up his his 20 meter Yagi.

**THE VVRC WELCOMES YOU**

The Vaca Valley Radio Club has proudly served the Northern Solano County Area since 1988. We pride ourselves in providing a friendly place for radio amateurs to meet and improve their operating skills.

We participate in public service events throughout the year and are always ready to assist with communications during times of emergency.

Browsw our website for more information about our club. If you have any questions please e-mail us at w6vvr@w6vvr.net or call 707-448-5665 for assistance

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**Wheelchair accessible**

Operations began right on time with many contacts being logged.

Bruce, N6THN begins calling "CQ, CQ, CQ Field Day"

A little tweak here and a little tweak there will bring that weak signal in!

Visit the Repeater online courtesy of Bob K6HEW at: vacavalleyradio.net

Club repeater in Vacaville:W6VVR 145.470 MHz(-) pl 127.3
The W6VVR net call is Tuesday evenings at 8pm on the club repeater. All are invited to participate in this weekly meeting on the air. 73!

Additional local repeaters
WV6F 224.200(-)
WV6F 440.025(+)
WV6F 1291.900(-)

George, KK4XU, Lauren, K6LIV, and Art, KI6UXE, man the stations...

...while Jerry, KD6WKY, takes a quick power nap to keep the mind sharp

Let's see... is our log up to date?

Jerry, KD6WKY, does a quick read of the article on our Field Day by the Fairfield Daily Republic newspaper before returning to action.

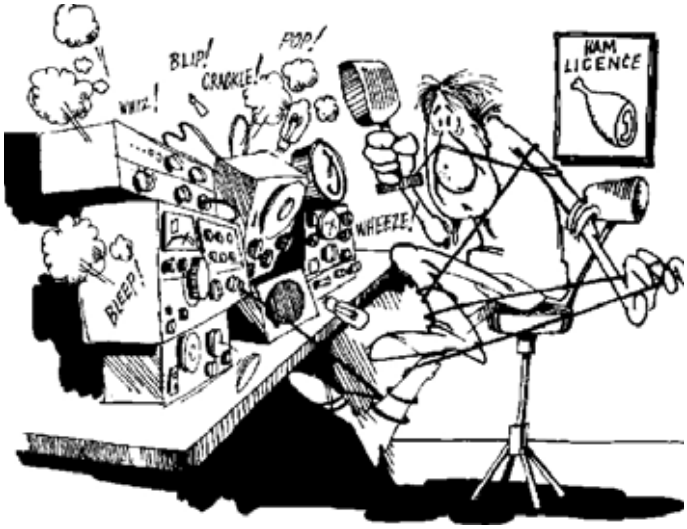
**NET CONTROL OPERATORS**

**1st week of month-Jerry Bowen; KJ6SCC**
**2nd week of month-Richard Craig; KJ6MIB**
**3rd week of month-Chris Jones; KD7TQO**
**4th week of month-Marcus MacLean; KI6WDX**
**On months with 5 weeks-Bob Hewitt; K6HEW**

The hosts, Maria, KC4PGH, and Geaorge, KK4XU, surprised the early risers with a lavish breakfast that included, pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, orange juice, a fresh fruit plate and coffee.
Everyone that participated in the Field Day agreed that our hosts were absolutely the greatest!!

Was the breakfast great??? The smile on Jerry's face says it all!

We lucked out with good weather, good friends, and plenty of contacts but it had to end after 24 hours. The breakdown went quickly and all went home looking forward to next year's Field Day that will be held at the same location.




**We do not stop playing because we get old**

**We get old because we stop playing**

## THE BIT BUCKET

**A little Reminder**

If you would like to chat on-line about the VVRC, go to our new Twitter account @w6vvr and chat away.

Also we have a Facebook account, just go to Facebook and search for w6vvr and there you are.

One other thing is we also have a "blog", that's right a "blog", just do a Google search for Vaca Valley Radio Club Blog and enter your email address to follow all the comments. We are now in the 21st Century thanks to Frank KJ6EWQ our media guru guy.

Thanks to everyone for making this a great club,

**Mike; W6MAV**

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

# VACAVALLEY RADIO CLUB, INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Please Print & Fill in Completely  Dues are delinquent January 1st

Name: _____ Call Sign_____

Street: _____

City: _____Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____-_____OK to Publish ?(_____)

License Class: _____ ARRL Member ?(_____)

E-Mail Address_____

**FAMILY Member (Spouse or Children)**

Name: _____ Call Sign_____
License Class: _____ARRL Member ?(_____)

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| MEMBER Dues | $20.00 | _____ |
| Each Family Member | $ 2.00 | _____ |
| Student | $ 5.00 | _____ |
| Repeater/Autopatch donation | | _____ |
| Call/Name badge | $11.00 | _____ |
| **Optional ARRL membership** | | |
| ARRL dues | $37.00 | |
| Total | | _____ |

Paid by CASH: Check # _____

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